GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2887
ANSWERED ON:03.09.2007
CLOSURE OF MILITARY DAIRY FARM
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to close down the Military Dairy Farm at Dehradun (Uttarakhan

(d) ;

(b) the policy for closure of Military Dairy Farm adopted by the Government; and

(c) the criteria being adopted by the Government for closure of the said Dairy Farm ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2887 FOR ANSWER ON 3.9.2007

Based on the recommendations of the Committee of Officers set up by Ministry of Defence in 2003 to look into the issue of reorganization of Military Farms, which are found to be economically unviable and where alternative source of supply of quality milk at cheaper price was available through NCDFI/State Milk Federation, orders were issued for reorganization and closure of 8 Military Farms including Dehradun Military Farm on 27.6.2007.These farms were recommended for closure on account of constraint of land, infrastructure, availability of milk ex-cooperative, survival ability of cattle and preference of troops.Percentage production of dairy product by the MF vis-Ã -vis total requirement of the station, cost of production vis-Ã -vis the cost of milk available ex milk cooperatives and the need to give boost to local farmers and cooperatives were also considered by the Committee. Moreover, C&AG in their report on Military Farms have in particular emphasized the need of cost benefit analysis with a view to closing uneconomical farms.Decisions taken were accordingly based on various relevant inputs.